



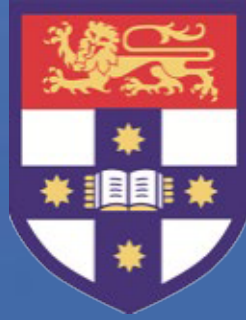
29th ANNUAL

FRIENDS OF SUFC

ANNUAL
DINNER

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE | FRIDAY 04 JULY 2025

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SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS

5:45 PM	String Quartet on Arrival
6:00 PM	Pre-Dinner Drinks – St Johns College Courtyard
6:15 PM	Canapes Served – St Johns College Courtyard
6:45 PM	Welcome Mr David Lyons
7:00 PM	Guests to be Seated in the Chapel Official Welcome Mr David Mortimer AO
7:20 PM	A Toast to Sydney University Mr Drew Hickey Response on Behalf of Sydney University Mr Mark Elliott, Chair St Paul’s College
7:45 PM	GRACE Dr Mark Schembri, Rector St Johns College
8:00 PM	Main Meal to be served
8:25 PM	Panel Introduction Ms Sally Loane, Chair - Destination NSW
8:30 PM	Panel Discussion Mr Ben Calveley, CEO British & Irish Lions Mr Giles Morgan, Sponsorships – The Howden Group
9:15 PM	Dessert to be served
10:00 PM	Drinks at ‘The Dail’, St Johns College
11:30 PM	Evening Concludes



CANAPES

ruby tuna, dill cucumber, sriracha aioli

duck cigar with hoisin sauce

cocktail beef bourguignon pie with big red sauce

mushroom mozzarella arancini with green goddess aioli

MAIN

Grilled beef porterhouse, truffle mash, burnt butter broccolini,
rosemary jus

Pan seared salmon, dill potatoes, roast fennel, citrus butter
sauce

DESSERTS

Petit Fours

BEVERAGES*

Domaine Gayda - Figure Libre Freestyle Blanc

Pays D'Oc - 2017

Gonet Medeville - Cru Monplasilir Bordeaux Supérieur - 2015

La Bastide Saint Domonique - Chateauneuf du Pape Rhone -
2014

Bellevue - French Triple Malt Whiskey

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BEERS*

* Special thanks to David and Justine Lyons of 'French Vine' who have provided the wines for this evening and Southern Highlands Brewing for providing the beer



BEN CALVELEY

CEO, The British
And Irish Lions



Ben is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the British and Irish Lions, commencing the role in 2022. Prior to that, he was Managing Director with the Lions after a stint as interim Chief Operating Officer at Guinness Six Nations. Ben also held the role as Head of Strategy and Corporate Affairs with England Rugby for seven years.

Ben Calveley has a degree in Economics & Management from The University of Manchester. Ben also holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Liverpool.





GILES MORGAN

Group Head of
Sponsorships
Howden

Giles is the Group Head of Sponsorship and Partnerships at Howden Group Holdings – one of the world’s leading insurance brokers and the jersey sponsor of the British & Irish Lions touring Australia in 2025.

He has over 30 years of experience in sponsorship marketing - and was previously Global Head of Sponsorships and Events at HSBC for over 13 years running the Bank’s international sponsorship portfolio from 2015-2017

Giles also co-hosts the award-winning sports business podcast "Are You Not Entertained?" The podcast has become a beacon for industry leaders in the sports sector – with a no-holds barred approach to an industry in significant change.

He is also a Board Advisor to Matchroom - one of the world’s leading sports promoters in Darts, Snooker, Pool, Boxing and Pool.

Giles holds a degree in British and European History and International politics from Newcastle University, UK.

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SALLY LOANE

Chair, Destination NSW
SUFC Friend



Sally Loane is a Chairperson, Non-Executive Director, business leader and former journalist and broadcaster. Chair of Destination NSW and of Ignition Advice, she is also sits on the board of Chubb Insurance Australia, and the Garvan Medical Research Institute Foundation. She is a member of the Advisory Board of consulting firm Orizontas and a mentor with McCarthy Mentoring.

From 2014-2021 Sally was the CEO of the peak industry organisation for financial services, the Financial Services Council, members of which included global and domestic fund managers, retail superannuation funds, advice licensees and life insurers.

Sally was the first female Director of Waratahs Rugby in history (2010-2017), a Director of Venues NSW, and a Director of SCEGGS Darlinghurst. Sally's passion is women's financial independence and economic security, and to this end has utilised her experience in financial services policy development, mentoring (Minerva Network for elite female athletes; Super Stars of STEM and has advised government on female-focused workplace, DV and economic issues.

She has had a long history of service to the community and charity sectors, currently as a Trustee of the ANZAC Memorial Building in NSW, Governor of the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation, Ambassador for Business Events Sydney, a member of Chief Executive Women, patron of Lou's Place and member of the Nominations Committee for Sydney University Sport and Fitness Ltd. Sally chaired the Salvation Army's Sydney East Doorknock Appeal (2008-2011) and was Deputy Chair of the Committee for Sydney (2015-2018)



Mr David Lyons

David is an experienced private market advisory and investment professional with deep experience in a range of asset classes, he is the founding partner of OBH Partners, an independent corporate advisory and investment firm with a focus on new-generation infrastructure. David is President of The Sydney University Football Club.

Mr Drew Hickey

Drew was educated at St Joseph's College and attended Sydney University, graduating with a Bachelor of Economics. Drew has subsequently attained a Master of Applied Finance and Investment as well as a Diploma of Financial Services. Drew has built a successful career in wealth management and founded and is director of boutique financial services firm Zone Financial.



Mr Mark Elliott

Mark graduated from Sydney University with a Civil Engineering degree and enjoyed 35 years in infrastructure, construction, mining, and operations, as an engineer, project manager and CEO. Mark is now a Non-Executive Director with a focus on infrastructure, ESG and complex stakeholder management. Mark is currently Chairman of St Paul's College and remains involved in the Engineering Faculty, most recently delivering the 2019 Roderick Distinguished Lecture.



Mr David Mortimer AO





David is Chairman of the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Foundation and Sydney University Football Club Foundation until 2023 - he remains a Director. He was President of the Sydney University Football Club for 16 years until his retirement in 2016. Together with David Baffsky he founded the ARUA (Australian Rugby Union Academy). David was one of the founding members of the Friends of Sydney University Football Club 28 years ago and is the current Chair of the Friends of SUFC.



LIONS TOURS



SUFC Wallabies vs. Lions

Year	Lions	Wallabies	Players
1899	3	-	1  Fred Wood (Scrum-Half) Stan Wickham (Centre)
1904	3	-	0
1930	0	-	1
1950	2	-	0
1959	2	-	0
1966	2	-	0
1989	2	-	1  Nick Farr-Jones (Scrum-Half)
2001	1	-	2  Phil Waugh (Flanker) David Lyons (No. 8) Brendan Cannon (Hooker)
2013	2	-	1  Nick Phipps (Scrum-Half) Ben McCalman (Flanker)
2025			





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IRELAND'S CALL



FLOWER OF SCOTLAND



LAND OF MY FATHER
(Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau)

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Thank you.

David Mortimer AO would like to thank all Friends of Sydney University Football Club for their generous contributions, mentoring and involvement during the 2025 season.

The Friends of SUFC would also like to extend its gratitude to
tonight's guests:

MR BEN CALVELEY AND MR GILES MORGAN

and tonight's musical performers:

Australia's leading soprano, AMELIA FARRUGIA, and
mezzo-soprano VIKTORIA BOLONINA

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